Over inviocing in import by multinational Drug Companies

3097. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Multinational drug companies against whom instances of over inviocing in imports came to the notice of Government;

(b) name of the company and name of drug or finished medicine involved in each case; and

(c) when each instance came to the notice of Government and what action has been taken against each so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Information to the extent available, has already been furnished in part (a) of the statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1-8-1991.

Letters of VIP on drug issues

3098. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that letters from VIP on drug issues have not been acknowledged;

(b) what is the number of letters received from Members of Parliament after 1st April, 1991 which have not been acknowledged so far;

(c) when each letter was received and what is the reason for delay;

(d) what is the total number of letters received by Government during 1990 and 1991 which are still to be replied;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints about certain officers;

(f) if so, what are the details of complaints received during 1989-90 and 1990-91 what is the nature of complaints and what action has been taken on each;

(g) whether Government have called explanation from any of these officials based on these complaints; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) A number of letters have been received from Members and ex-Members of Parliament during the period in question on drug issues. In most cases replies have been sent to Members of Parliament and others are under examination. Replies will be furnished soon in these cases also.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir, during the period 1989-90 and 1990-91 some complaints were received against certain offirers of the Department and its attached office relating to their conduct, irregularities/omissions in fixation of prices of drugs, foreign visits etc. Out of these one case has been finally closed and in the other cases final decision is yet to be taken.

(g) and (h) Certain clarifications were called from the officers which are being examined.

Assessment of M/s. Hoechst made by special team

3099. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 650 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that assessment made by Special Team in the case of M/s. Hoechst is available with Government;

(b) if so, what are the main points due to which huge variation has merged between the assessment of Special Team and on review.

(l) whether it is also a fact that Government have not communicated the amount assessed for the period 1984—87 to the company;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;